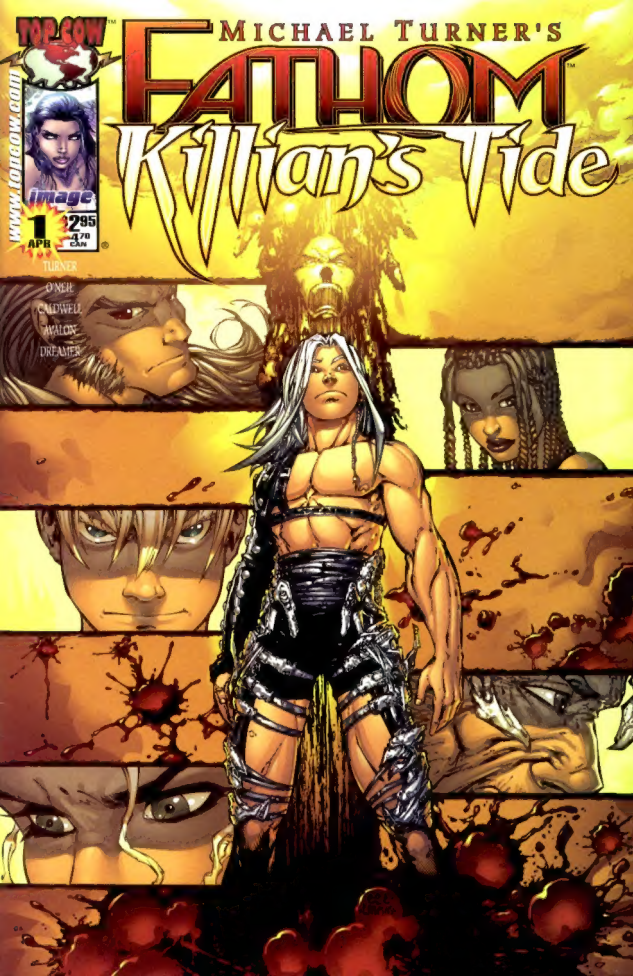




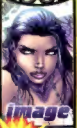
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"THE SOLE PURPOSE OF THIS
MISSION IS TO PETERSON
WHAT CHANGES IF ANY NEED
TO BE MADE TO OUR POLICY
REGARDING HUMANITY BONES."

"FOR THE BENEFIT OF OUR ASSEMBLED
CITIZENS MOST OF WHOM HAVE NEVER
HAD CONTACT WITH HUMANS I RELIEVE
A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SPECIES
AND A SUMMARY OF OUR POLICY IS IN
ORDER BEFORE WE GET TO SPECIES."

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FIRST, THE SPECIES HUMAN BEINGS CAN BE THOUGHT OF AS A SIMPLER VERSION OF OURSELVES. THEY USE LANGUAGE AND DEVELOP TECHNOLOGY. THEY HAVE CREATED A SOCIETY THAT BEARS SOME RESEMBLANCE TO OUR OWN.

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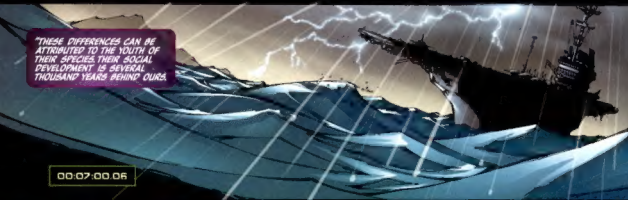


"UNLIKE US, THEIR SOCIETY IS FRACTURED INTO MANY HUNDREDS OF CULTURES AND LANGUAGES, AS OPPOSED TO THE HANDFUL WE DISTINGUISH AMONGST OURSELVES.

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"THESE DIFFERENCES CAN BE ATTRIBUTED TO THE YOUTH OF THEIR SPECIES. THEIR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IS SEVERAL THOUSAND YEARS BEHIND OURS.

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"REMEMBER THAT WE TOO WERE ONCE SADDLED WITH HUNDREDS OF LANGUAGES AND CULTURES. TIME WILL HOMOGENIZE THEM AS IT DID US.

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"IN THE MEANTIME, THEY ARE MUCH SMARTER THAN MOST ANIMALS, AND SO WE MUST TREAT THEM WITH SPECIAL CARE. HENCE THE POLICY.

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"IT IS SIMPLY PUT: OBSERVATION WITHOUT INTERVENTION."



"IN PRACTICE THIS MEANS
WE INSERT AGENTS INTO
THEIR SOCIETY WHILE HIDING
OUR EXISTENCE FROM THEM.

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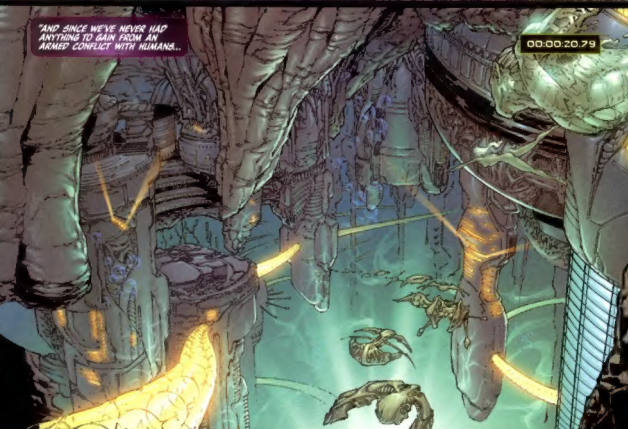
"IN PRINCIPLE THE POLICY EXISTS
BECAUSE HUMANS REACT WITH
VIOLENCE WHEN CONFRONTED
WITH THE UNKNOWN.

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"AND SINCE WE'VE NEVER HAD
ANYTHING TO GAIN FROM AN
ARMED CONFLICT WITH HUMANS...

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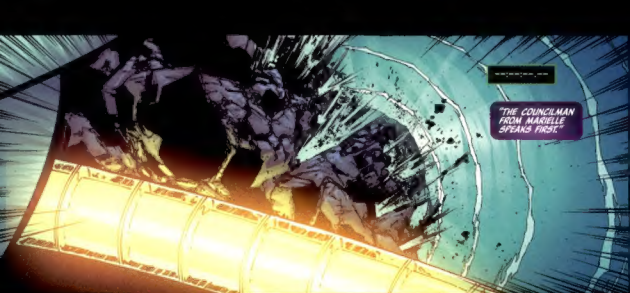
"...WELL TO DATE THERE
HAS BEEN NO NEED TO
AMEND THE POLICY.

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"SHOULD WE NOW?
THAT IS WHAT WE
MUST DECIDE.

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"THE COUNCILMAN FROM MARIELLE SPEAKS FIRST."



"THE UNPRECEDENTED DISASTER THAT BEFELL MY CAPITAL CITY YESTERDAY FORCES US TO AMEND THE POLICY."

"I WOULD URGE THE COUNCIL TO RETALIATE IN THE MOST OBSCENE FASHION WE CAN MUSTER --"

"-- YET I KNOW MY THOUGHTS ARE CLOUDED BY PAIN AND FEAR. TEN THOUSAND WERE KILLED YESTERDAY. MY PEOPLE. MY FAMILY... DEVASTATED."



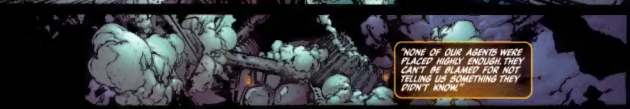
"I..."

"I... WANT SO BADLY TO RETALIATE REGARDLESS OF THE CONSEQUENCES. I MUST THEREFORE RESPECTFULLY WITHDRAW FROM THIS DISCUSSION."



"OF COURSE, COUNCILMAN. RETURN TO YOUR PEOPLE. OUR EVERY RESOURCE IS AT YOUR DISPOSAL."

"SPEAKING FOR US, ALL I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHY OUR AGENTS DIDN'T GIVE US ANY WARNING, COUNCILMAN JUMPAH?"



"NONE OF OUR AGENTS WERE PLACED HIGHLY ENOUGH. THEY CAN'T BE BLAMED FOR NOT TELLING US SOMETHING THEY DIDN'T KNOW."



"NO ONE IS BLAMING THEM, SIR. WE'RE SEEKING ANSWERS. WHAT CAN YOU TELL US?"



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"IT WAS A TEST OF A NEW
EXPLOSIVE DEVICE CALLED
A HYDROGEN BOMB. IT WAS
NOT AN ACT OF WAR.

"ESSENTIALLY THEY BURIED
MARIELLE WITHOUT EVEN
KNOWING IT WAS THERE.

"THEY DO NOT HAVE A STOCKPILE
OF THESE WEAPONS. THE TEST
WAS... UH... THE HUMANS ARE
CALLING IT A SUCCESS.

"I'M SORRY, BUT THAT'S ALL WE KNOW. WE
NEED MORE AGENTS, PLACED HIGHER. I
PROPOSE WE IMMEDIATELY QUADRUPLE
OUR INTELLIGENCE EFFORT. WHO OPPOSES?

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WILL BREAK BRIEFLY FOR
PEER CONSULTATION."

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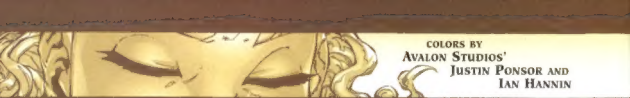


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BACK.



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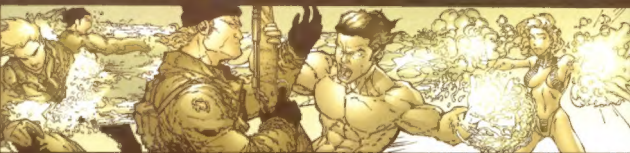




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WHAZZIT?



BAD DREAM...
ONE I'VE HAD
BEFORE, ABOUT
MY PARENTS.



IT MEANS
SOMETHING,
BUT I DON'T
KNOW WHAT.

NOT ALL
DREAMS MEAN
SOMETHING,
SWIFT.



THIS ONE
DOES.

COME ON, ANYA.
GET UP WE'VE
ALREADY MISSED THE
FIRST PART OF THE
COUNCIL MEETING.

GO 'HE'D
WITHOUT
ME...I'LL
FIND YOU.

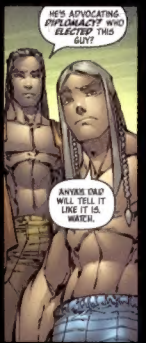
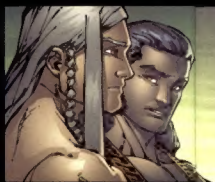


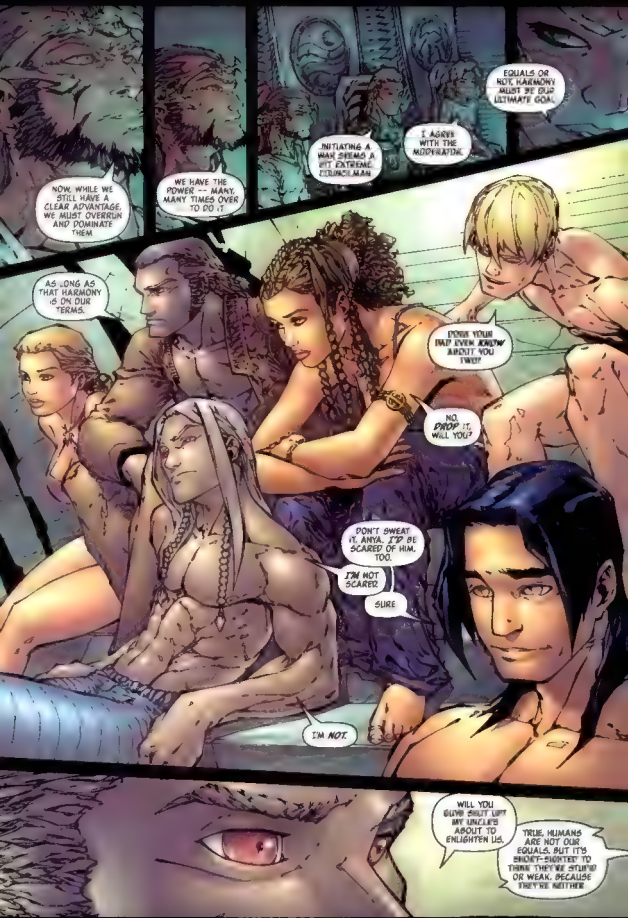
SEAR SAID
HE'D BE ON
THE STEPS.



I'LL TRY THERE
FIRST, AND IF YOU
SEE MY DAD...

...TELL HIM
I SAID
HELLO.





EQUALS OR NOT, HARMONY MUST BE OUR ULTIMATE GOAL.

I AGREE WITH THE MODERATION.

INITIATING A WAR SEEMS A BIT EXTREME, COUNCILMAN.

WE HAVE THE POWER -- MANY, MANY TIMES OVER TO DO IT.

NOW, WHILE WE STILL HAVE A CLEAR ADVANTAGE, WE MUST OVERRUN AND DOMINATE THEM.

AS LONG AS THAT HARMONY IS ON OUR TERMS.

DON'T YOUR DAD EVEN KNOW ABOUT YOU TWO?

NO, DAD. IT, WILL YOU?

DON'T SWEAT IT, ANYA. I'D BE SCARED OF HIM, TOO.

I'M NOT SCARED.

SURE.

I'M NOT.

WILL YOU GUYS SHUT UP? MY UNCLE'S ABOUT TO ENLIGHTEN US.

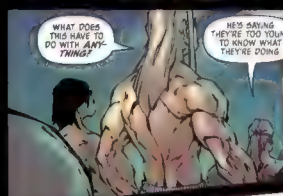
TRUE, HUMANS ARE NOT OUR EQUALS. BUT IT'S SHORT-SIGHTED TO THINK THEY'RE STUPID OR WEAK, BECAUSE THEY'RE NEITHER.



WE HAVE THE
ADVANTAGE OF
UNDERSTANDING TIME.
INDIVIDUALLY, WE LIVE
LONGER. AS A SOCIETY,
WE ARE MUCH
OLDER.

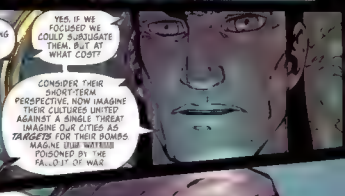
CULTURALLY, WE
UNDERSTAND THAT
THE GREATEST
ACHIEVEMENTS REQUIRE
GENERATIONS, EVEN
MILLENNIA, TO
ACCOMPLISH.

HUMANS, ON
THE OTHER HAND,
STILL SEE TIME AS
THEIR ENEMY. THEY
MEASURE IT IN YEARS, IN
DECADES, AND GOALS
ARE SET
ACCORDINGLY.



WHAT DOES
THIS HAVE TO
DO WITH ANY-
THING?

HE'S SAYING
THEY'RE TOO YOUNG
TO KNOW WHAT
THEY'RE DOING.



YES, IF WE
FOCUSED WE
COULD SUBJUGATE
THEM, BUT AT
WHAT COST?

CONSIDER THEIR
SHORT-TERM
PERSPECTIVE. NOW IMAGINE
THEIR CULTURES UNITED
AGAINST A SINGLE THREAT.
IMAGINE OUR CITIES AS
TARGETS FOR THEIR BOMBS,
MAGINE OUR WATERS
POISONED BY THE
FALLOUT OF WAR.



WE WOULD
WIN, YES, BUT
WE WOULD
LOSE TOO.

I CAN'T
BELIEVE THIS.
WE'RE BEING
BETRAYED BY OUR
OWN FAMILY.



NON-
INTERVENTION WILL
NOT ALWAYS BE EASY
BUT VIEWED FROM THE
LONG TERM, IT REMAINS
UNQUESTIONABLY THE
RIGHT COURSE.

HE'S SWAYED THE
COUNCIL - LOOK AT
THEM. THEY'RE NODDING.
THEY'RE TOO
CONSERVATIVE TO TRY
IT ANY OTHER WAY.

I SWEAR IF THEY
VOTE TO DO NOTHING
WE'RE GONNA DO
SOMETHING.

"NO MORE
ONE UP
DOWN"

"THERE COME
DOWN
THE
TUBE"

COOL

A WHAT?

WHAT DO YOU
LIVE IN A CAVE?
IT'S A BIG MACHINE
THAT MAKES
ELECTRICITY

WHAT
IS IT?

IT'S A
POWER
STATION

WHAT DO
YOU HAVE IN
MIND SEAR?

I'M OPEN
TO DEAS

YOU
BROUGHT US
HERE WITHOUT
A PLAN?

"THEIR
MILLION
LET'S SEE
WHAT HAD
COMING
UP WITH"

LET'S GO IN
THAT WAY
THEY'LL TAKE US
RIGHT TO THE
HEART OF THE
PLACE

I DON'T LIKE
THAT WE HAVE
NO IDEA WHAT'S
IN THERE

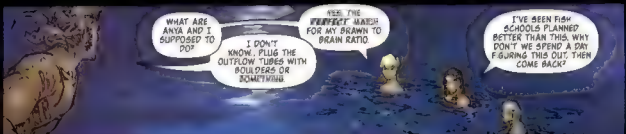
LET'S HEAR A
BETTER IDEA
THEN

WE SPLIT UP
GEL, MAIO AND I GO
IN THE FRONT WE GET
THE PUMPS TURNED OFF
THEN YOU CAN GO IN
THROUGH THE TUBES

WHAT ABOUT
PEOPLE? SOMEONE
MUST BE IN THERE
TO KEEP ALL THE
MACHINES
WORKING

I GUESS
WE'LL HAVE TO
HANDLE THEM
TOO

THERE ARE
INTAKE AND
OUTFLOW TUBES
RIGHT BELOW US
THEY'RE PROBABLY
COOLING THE
MACHINES.
BECAUSE THE
WATER COMING
OUT IS WARM



WHAT ARE
ANYA AND I
SUPPOSED TO
DO?

I DON'T
KNOW. PLUG THE
OUTFLOW TUBES WITH
BOULDERS OR
SOMETHING

YES, THE
PERFECT MATE
FOR MY BRAIN TO
BRAIN RATIO.

I'VE SEEN FISH
SCHOOLS PLANNED
BETTER THAN THIS. WHY
DON'T WE SPEND A DAY
FIGURING THIS OUT. THEN
COME BACK?



WHAT DO
YOU ALL
SAY?



NO.

NICE TRY
THOUGH

REMEMBER
KILLIAN. WAIT
TILL WE'VE GOT THE
PUMPS OFF BEFORE
YOU GO IN.
I DON'T WANT YOU
CHEWED UP BY A
TURBINE. LET'S
GO.



I WISH MY
BROTHER DIDN'T
TREAT ME LIKE
AN IDIOT

SHAME A WHEE
KILLIAN. HE BASICALLY
RAISED YOU AND NOW HE
LOOKS OUT FOR YOU WHILE
TOTALLY INDULGING YOU.
AND YOU ~~DO~~ TEND TO
BE HOT HEADER

YEAH. RAIFE. BUT
THERE'S A LINE
BETWEEN CONCERN AND
CONDESCENSION. AND
SEAR SOMETIMES
KNOWS IT

WHOA BIG
MOMMA SHAKEN
MOVES IN FOR THE
KILL! YOU GONNA LET
HER DEFEND YOU
BUDDY?



DON'T YOU
HAVE BOULDERS
TO ROLL OR
SOMETHING?



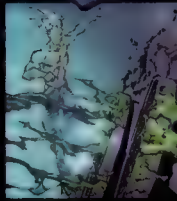
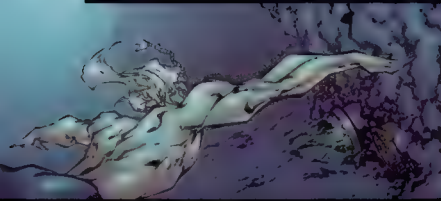
REMEMBER
GUYS. STEALTH IS
OUR BEST WEAPON.
LET'S USE IT

KILLIAN'S
READY TO
GO.

GIVE
HIM THE
SIGNAL.

THIS PLACE IS
HUGE. WHERE DO
WE START?

THIS IS THE
BEGINNING OF
THE BEST OF
MY LIFE.



WE'RE GONNA
HAVE TO SPLY UP
AND FIND THE
CONTROL ROOM

I'LL TAKE
THIS SECTION.
M.A.Q. YOU GO
UP ONE -

ANY TIME
NOW

SHH

KEEP AN EYE
ON THE COOLANT
PRESSURE GAUGES.
5.M.P.S. ON THE
AFTERNOON SHIFT
CALLED IN A COUPLE
OF LEAKS.

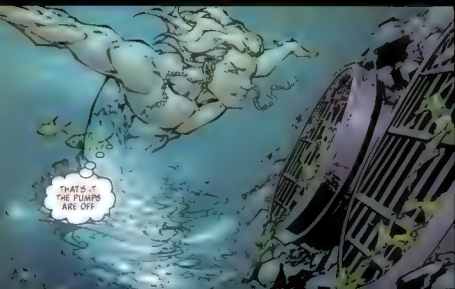
AND THE
GAUGES DIPPED
A COUPLE MINUTES
AGO. MIGHT BE
NOTHING, BUT
BETTER TO PLAY
IT SAFE EH?

I'M GETTIN
A SNACK
ANYONE

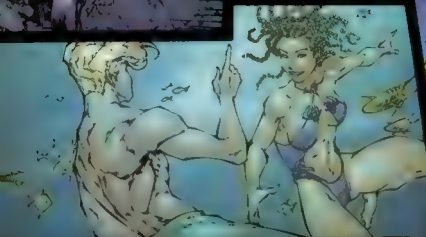
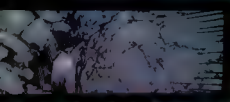
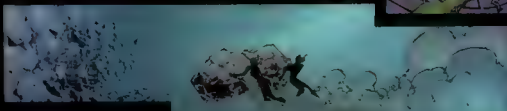
OH,
DEAR GOD



SHUT DOWN
THE PUMPS! SHUT
THEM ALL DOWN!
WE'VE GOT A
MASSIVE LEAK!



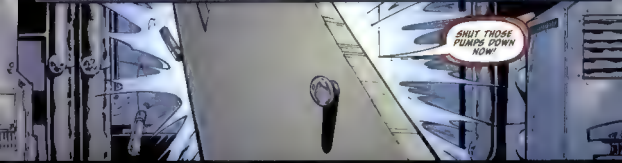
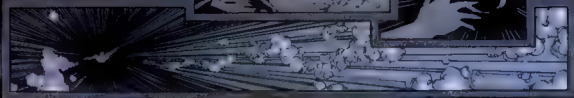
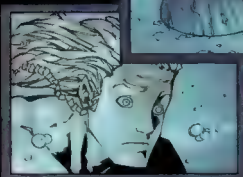
THAT'S IT
THE PUMPS
ARE OFF



NOW THAT'S
WHAT I CALL
TERRORISM!

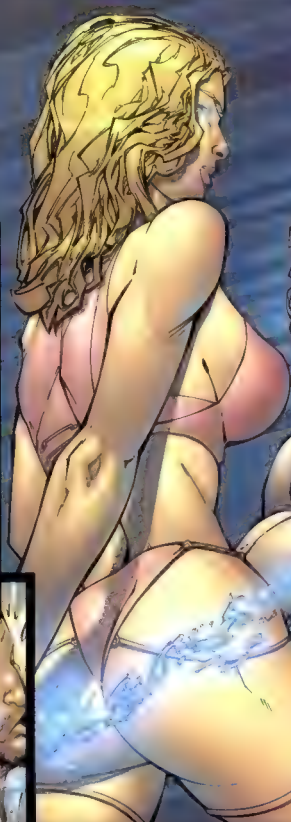
SERIOUS
WITHOUT US, THE
OPERATION IS
NOTHING!





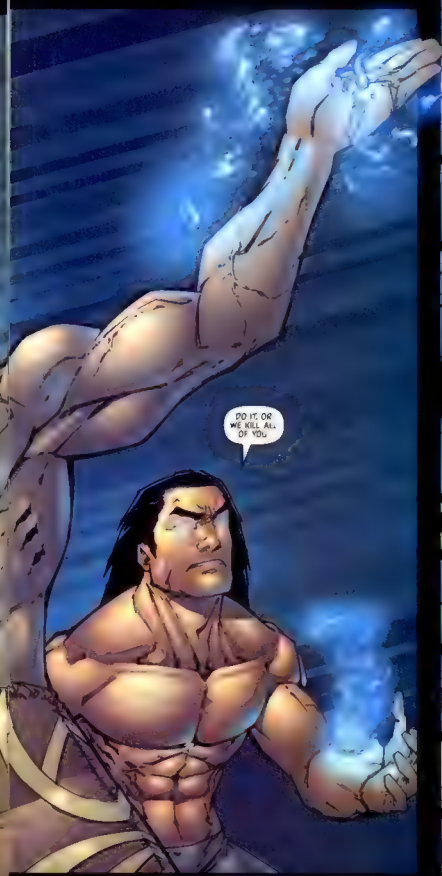


SAYS
WHO?



SAYS
HE

YOU
PROFESS: SHUT
THE SEAWATER
PUMP OFF NOW



DO IT, OR
WE KILL ALL
OF YOU



IT'S OFF!
IT'S OFF!

YOU THREE
GET OUT OF HERE
DON'T PRETEND
ANYONE'S GOING TO
BELIEVE YOUR
STORY

YOU
INCREASE THE
POWER OUTPUT,
BUT LEAVE THAT
"COOLANT" PUMP
"TURNED OFF"

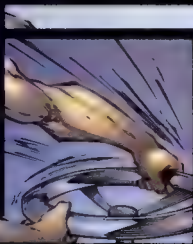
ARE YOU
CRAZY? THE
WHOLE PLACE
WILL BLOW SKY
HIGH

ONAY ONAY
ONAY

HOW DO I
GET INTO THE
SEAWATER
INFLOW TUBE?

THERE'S AN
ACCESS HATCH
AROUND THE
CORNER

THE
SEAWATER
ACCESS HATCH
IS ON THE



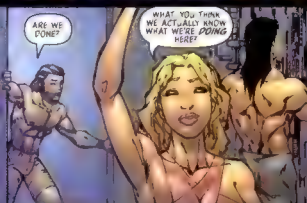
WAS THAT
SUPPOSED TO
BE FUNNY?

I SWEAR
I'M GONNA

IT WAS A MIX
UP, KILJIAN. IT
WASN'T US. YOU HAVE
NO IDEA HOW GLAD
I AM YOU'RE
ALIVE.

THANK THE
ENGINEER THAT PUT
ANOTHER GRATE IN FRONT
OF THE PUMPS. THAT SORT
OF THING BETTER NOT
HAPPEN AGAIN, SEAR.
UNDERSTAND ME?

WHERE IS
EVERYONE?



ARE WE
DONE?

WHAT YOU THINK
WE ACTUALLY KNOW
WHAT WE'RE DOING
HERE?



MISTER THIS
PLACE IS GONNA
BLOW ANY
SECOND.

GO, THEN. AND
REMEMBER

NO ONE
WILL EVER
BELIEVE YOU.

*ME TO GO
PEOPLE



GO. GO. GO.
CAN CATCH UP
WITH YOU!



WHAT?!

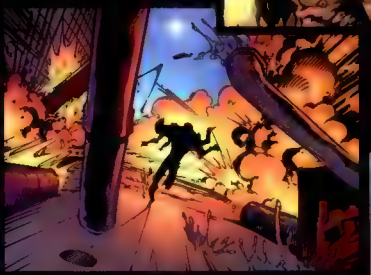
GO!



YOU



SWEET
JESUS. GET
ME OUT OF
HERE!



WHO THE HE...
ARE YOU?



I'M A
DISSIDENT





YOU CALL
THAT LEADING A
MISSION? WHAT
THE HELL WERE YOU
DOING BACK
THERE?

I WAS
KEEPING MY
CONSCIENCE
CLEAN

NOT BAD FOR
A BUNCH OF
BEGINNERS.

WE WERE *LUCKY*.
AND YOU KNOW IT. NEXT
TIME, WE START WITH A
THOROUGH PLAN

GOOD IDEA
KILLIAN.

HEY, I DID
MY PART
PERFECTLY

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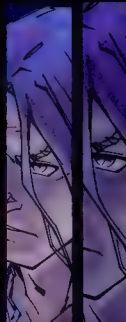
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THE MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE
HERE IS OF THE MOUNTAIN PEOPLE
AND I AM THE MOUNTAIN PEOPLE

LIFE IS IT

WHO?

ATTENTION
FISHERMEN! GET
INTO YOUR RESCUE
BOATS OR GO DOWN
WITH YOUR SHIP!

BE COOL... MAN
WE'RE NOT HERE TO
HURT YOU

B-B-B-B BUT
BUT BUT

ROW

ROW

ROW THIS
BOAT!

THIS ISN'T
NO GODDAMN
DREAM

WE'RE NOT
HERE FOR
YOU

WE'RE HERE
FOR YOUR
CATCH

SO JUST
GET INTO THE
BOATS--

FEAR

RRRR

RRRAAH!

W W WHAT?

THAT
HURT

WHAT?
JUST SAY



GLAD



I SAID WE
WEREN'T HERE
FOR YOU!



BUT NOW
YOU'VE MADE
IT ABOUT
YOU!



HOW DO
YOU EXPECT
ME TO REACT
TO THAT?



STUPID!



STUPID!

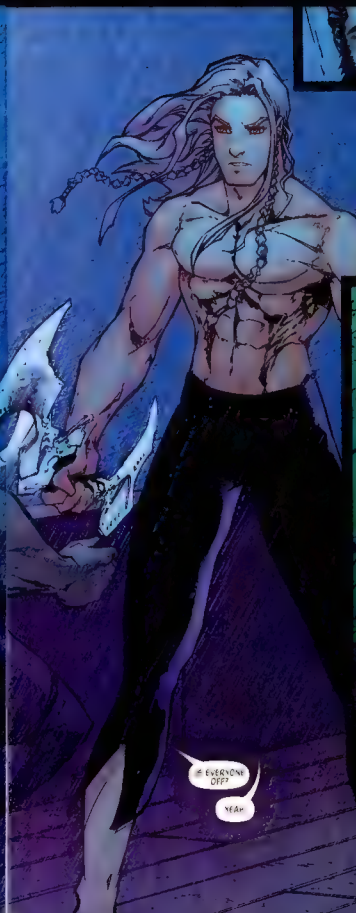


AND NOT
WORTH

SCREAMING



WHY'D YOU
LET GO?
BECAUSE WE'RE
DOING THIS TO SEND A
MESSAGE TO OUR PEOPLE
NOT THINGS AND KILLING HIM
CROSSES A LINE I DON'T
WANT TO CROSS



EVERYONE
OFF?

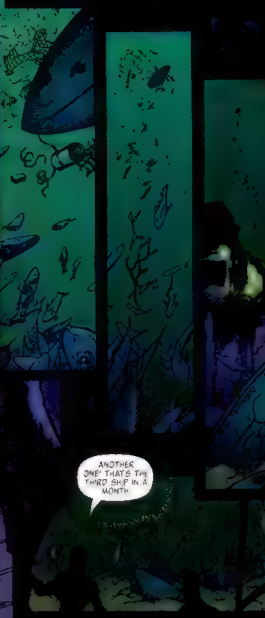
NEAR



THEN LET'S
BREACH THE WALL
AND BE DONE
WITH IT



NOW THE HEAVEN
AM I GOING
TO EXPLAIN THE



ANOTHER
ONE? THAT'S THE
THIRD SHIP IN A
MONTH



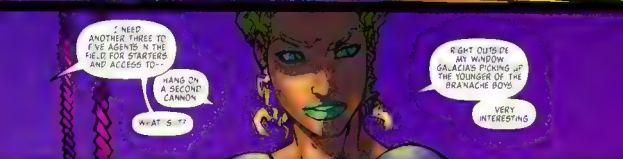
THAT
LOOKS LIKE
A SHIP

THAT IS
A SHIP

OH

DON'T KNOW
WHO, YET BUT FROM
THE SCORING ON THE
SUNKEN HULLS, WE
KNOW IT'S DEFINITELY
SOME OF OUR
PEOPLE

I DIDN'T NEED A
FORENSIC REPORT TO
TELL ME THAT CANNON
LOOK. I WANT THIS IDIOT
STOPPED SO TELL ME
WHAT I'LL TAKE TO FIND
OUT WHO EXACTLY IS
DOING IT



I NEED
ANOTHER THREE TO
FIVE AGENTS IN THE
FIELD FOR STARTERS
AND ACCESS TO--

HANG ON
A SECOND
CANNON

WHAT IS IT?

RIGHT OUTSIDE
MY WINDOW
GALACIAS PICKING UP
THE YOUNGER OF THE
BRANACHE BOYS

VERY
INTERESTING



GET A

WE'VE
GOT A FEW
THINGS TO
TALK ABOUT
KILLIAN



NOW WHAT DO YOU SUPPOSE MY CHIEF RIVA WANTS WITH THE NEPHEW OF MY LOYAL ALLY?

BEATS ME WHATEVER IT IS

IT CAN'T BE GOOD FOR JS. RIGHT?



YOU'VE GOT YOUR FIVE ADDITIONAL AGENTS. CANNON. AND I WANT ONE OF THEM TO SHADOW KILLIAN BRA NACHE.

YOUR DAUGHTER?

I'M NOT



HASN'T ANYONE EXPLAINED TO YOU WHY PATIENCE IS A VIRTUE? IT'S BECAUSE PATIENT PEOPLE SUCCEED WHERE THE RASH FAIL.

IF YOU'D WAITED, YOU'D HAVE LEARNED THAT I DON'T OBJECT TO YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH ANYA AS LONG AS YOU KEEP IT DISCREET.

BUT BY LYING SO AWFULLY-- AND SO PREMATURELY-- YOU CONFIRM FOR ME THAT IT'S SOMETHING YOU WANT KEPT SECRET, AND THEREFORE YOU GIVE ME A MEASURE OF POWER OVER YOU.

THAT I'M TELLING YOU ALL THIS NEGATES THAT POWER SO CONCLUDES YOUR FIRST LESSON IN POLITICS.



I WAS GONNA SAY, I'M NOT MEETING YOUR DAUGHTER

WHICH WOULD SEEM TO THROW MY OWN LESSON IN MY FACE



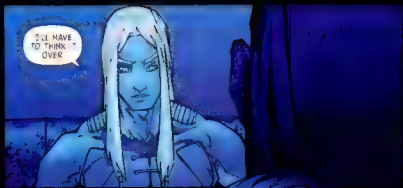
YES, I KNOW ABOUT THAT, TOO.

I'LL GIVE YOU CREDIT FOR TRYING TO DO SOMETHING, BUT THE DEAD FISH AREN'T THE RIGHT THING.

YOU'RE LIMITED BY YOUR LACK OF RESOURCES I'M LIMITED BY THE PUBLIC NATURE OF POLITICS. WE ARE EACH THE OTHER'S SOLUTION I WILL SUPPLY YOU WITH TOOLS. AND YOU WILL GIVE ME THE ARM TO USE THEM.

-- EXCEPT THAT IF YOU'RE NOT MEETING ANYA--

-- YOU'RE PROBABLY OFF TO PLAN ANOTHER OF THESE RIDICULOUS HIGH ESCAPADES



I'LL HAVE
TO THINK
OVER



I THINK
IT'S SAFE
TO SAY
YOU'LL
AGREE

I KNEW YOUR
PARENTS, KILLIAN. AND
CONSIDERING THE WAY
THEY DIED I CAN'T SAY I'M
SURPRISED YOU WANT TO
STRIKE BACK



MY PARENTS
WERE KILLED BY
SHIFTING SANDS. WHAT
DOES THAT HAVE
TO DO WITH
ANYTHING?

YOU DON'T
KNOW? YOU WERE
VERY YOUNG. BUT
I'D ASSUMED

YOUR PARENTS
DIDN'T DIE IN A SAND
SHIFT. THEY WERE KILLED
BY HUMAN SOLDIERS
WHILE ON RETREAT

I THOUGHT
THAT WAS WHY
YOU AND YOUR
BROTHER BEGAN
MOVING AGAINST



YES THAT
EXPLAINS A LOT
DOESN'T IT?



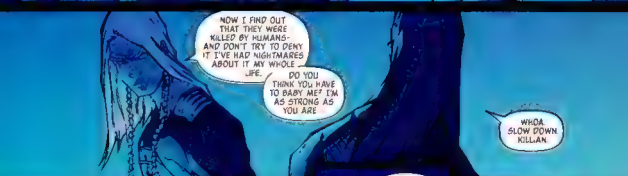
REMEMBER
WHAT I
SAID ABOUT
PATIENCE
KILLIAN YOUR
TIME WILL
COME

I'LL BE IN
TOUCH



WHERE'VE YOU
BEEN? I'VE BEEN
WAITING FOR--

ALL THESE YEARS
YOU'VE LIED TO ME
ABOUT HOW OUR
PARENTS DIED



NOW I FIND OUT
THAT THEY WERE
KILLED BY HUMANS--
AND DON'T TRY TO DENY
IT I'VE HAD NIGHTMARES
ABOUT IT MY WHOLE
LIFE.

DO YOU
THINK YOU HAVE
TO BABY ME? I'M
AS STRONG AS
YOU ARE

WHOA.
SLOW DOWN
KILLIAN



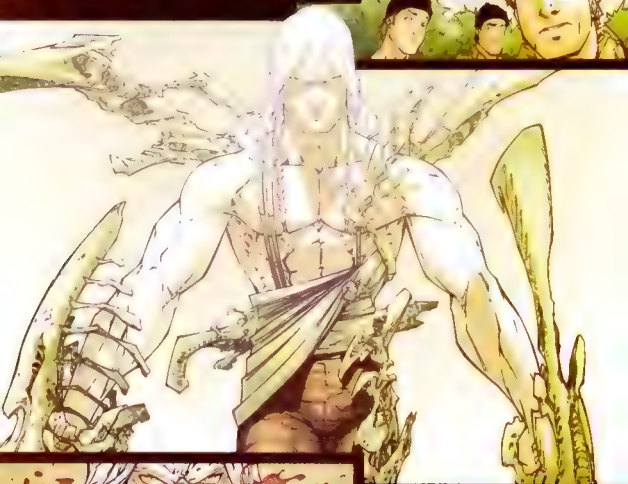
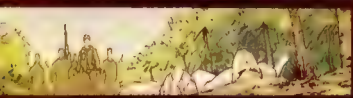
YOU'RE MY
LITTLE BROTHER
OKAY? MY WHOLE
LIFE I'VE TRIED TO
PROTECT YOU

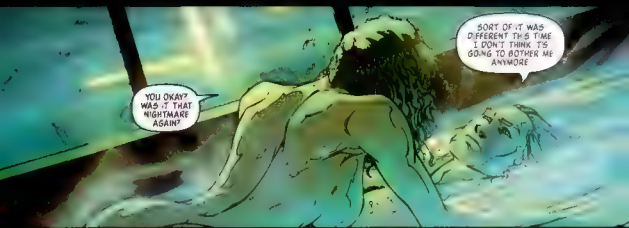
I WANTED TO
TELL YOU ABOUT
OUR PARENTS, BUT
IT WAS HARD TO
FIND THE RIGHT
TIME

FORGET I
SEAR THE
DAMAGE IS
DONE

AND I DON'T
NEED YOUR
PROTECTION
ANYMORE

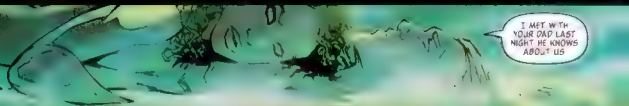
I CAN
TAKE CARE
OF MYSELF





YOU OKAY?
WAS IT THAT
NIGHTMARE
AGAIN?

SORT OF IT WAS
DIFFERENT THIS TIME
I DON'T THINK IT'S
GOING TO BOTHER ME
ANYMORE

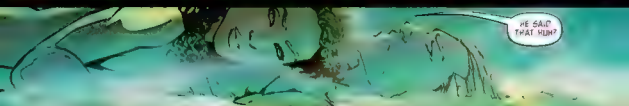


I MET WITH
YOUR DAD LAST
NIGHT HE KNOWS
ABOUT US

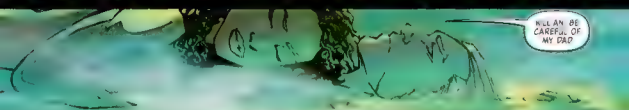
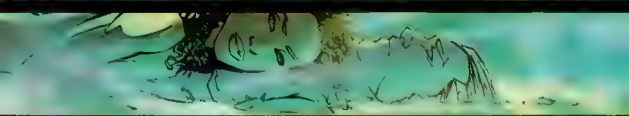


HE DOES?
WHAT'D HE
SAY?

HE SAID HE
DOESN'T CARE
WHAT WE DO AS
LONG AS WE'RE
DISCREET



HE SAID
THAT HUH?



WILL AN BE
CAREFUL OF
MY DAD



WHEN HE SETS
HIS SIGHTS ON
SOMETHING HE'LL
USE PEOPLE UP TO
GET IT



THIS IS
TOP OF THE
LINE STUFF



WHERE'D YOU
GET ALL THIS
GEAR?

I DIDN'T



WELL, WHERE'D
KILLIAN GET IT THEN?
I MEAN, THERE'S A
DISSOLUTION CRAFT
OUT BACK

WE'RE
GONNA HAVE
TO ASK HIM

THIS IS
WAY BEYOND
WHAT I'D
MAGINED



ANYA, NO ONE
KNOWS WHERE THIS
STUFF CAME FROM AND
I WANT TO KEEP IT
THAT WAY OKAY?

SURE



AM THE
MAN OF
THE HOUR



THAT'S
FAR ENOUGH.
WHAT'S YOUR
BUSINESS?



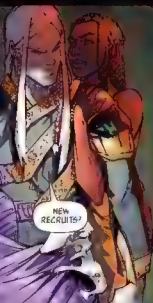
MY WHAT?
WHO ARE
YOU?



"ARAS IS ONE OF
OUR NEW RECRUITS.
KILIAN, TARAS, WILLIAN IS
MY BROTHER AND ONE
OF YOUR LEADERS.



MY MISTAKE
I APOLOGIZE



NEW
RECRUITS?



THEY'RE
TRUSTWORTHY
DON'T WORRY



JUST
SO I'M NOT
CHALLENGED
EVERY TIME I
COME THROUGH
THE DOOR



WHERE DID
THESE WEAPONS
COME FROM?



FOR
REASONS I
THINK ARE PRETTY
GOOD I'M GONNA
KEEP THAT
INFORMATION TO
MYSELF



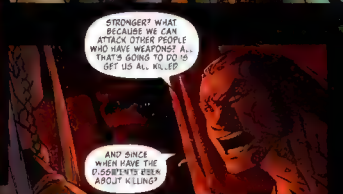
LET'S
TALK PRIVATELY
KILLIAN

YOU KNOW I
REALLY DON'T CARE
WHERE THEY CAME
FROM. AS LONG AS I
GET THIS ONE



IS THIS YOUR
WAY OF MAKING IT
CLEAR YOU DON'T NEED
ME TO PROTECT YOU
ANYMORE?

NO. IT'S MY
WAY OF MAKING
THE DISSIDENTS
STRONGER



STRONGER? WHAT
BECAUSE WE CAN
ATTACK OTHER PEOPLE
WHO HAVE WEAPONS? ALL
THAT'S GOING TO DO IS
GET US ALL KILLED

AND SINCE
WHEN HAVE THE
DISSIDENTS BEEN
ABOUT KILLING?



SEAR, I THINK THE
TIME HAS COME TO TAKE
THE DISSIDENTS TO THE
NEXT LEVEL. I MEAN
THESE FISH ESCAPADES
ARE GETTING RIDICULOUS

WITH THESE
WEAPONS WE CAN
START FINISHING
HUMANS FOR

FINISHING
HUMANS?



WHAT IS YOUR
BIG PROBLEM WITH
FIGHTING HUMANS?
THEY KILLED OUR
PARENTS! THEY'RE
ANIMALS!



MY BIG
PROBLEM
LITTLE
BROTHER
IS YOU



YOU CALL YOURSELF A
LEADER BUT YOU DON'T
WEIGH THE CONSEQUENCES
OF YOUR ACTIONS

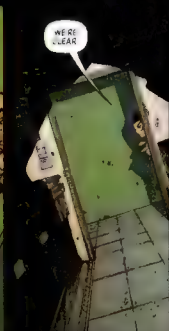
YOU WANT TO GO
OUT AND KILL HUMANS
SO YOU ARM A BUNCH OF
WELL-INTENTIONED IDIOTS
HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT
ABOUT HOW MANY OF
YOUR FRIENDS
WILL DIE?

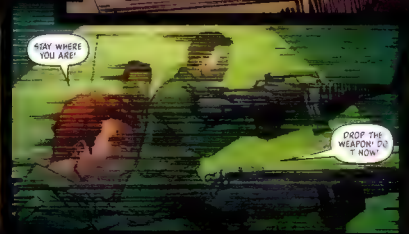


THAT'S NOT
LEADERSHIP
KILLIAN IT'S
SUICIDE

YOU WANT
LEADERSHIP?







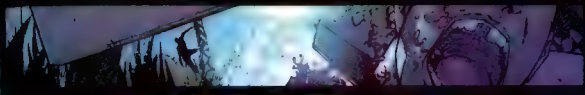


KILLIAN
YOU

FORGET IT
LET'S MOVE

YOU JUST

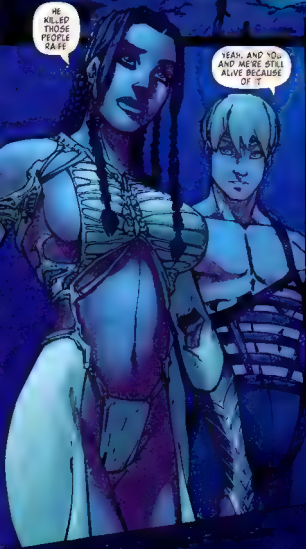
I SAID
LET'S GO!





HE
KILLED
THOSE
PEOPLE
SAFE

YEAH, AND YOU
AND ME'RE STILL
ALIVE BECAUSE
OF IT



YEAH BUT
NOW EVERYTHING'S
CHANGED

WE GOT
WHAT WE CAME
FOR TARAS TAKE
US DOWN

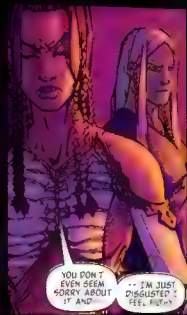




HEY
YOU KILLED THEM, KILLIAN
LISTEN, I KNOW YOU'RE UPSET--



DON'T TOUCH ME



YOU DON'T EVEN SEEM SORRY ABOUT IT AND--

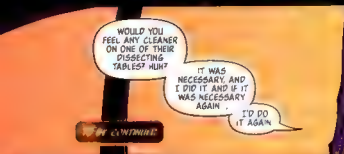
-- I'M JUST DISGUSTED I FEEL FILTHY



FINE YOU FEEL FILTHY

BUT THINK ABOUT THIS

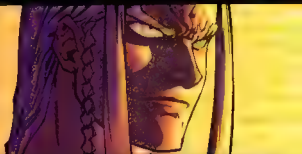
WHAT IF I HADN'T KILLED THEM? WHAT THEN?



WOULD YOU FEEL ANY CLEANER ON ONE OF THEIR DISSECTING TABLES? HUH?

IT WAS NECESSARY, AND I DID IT AND IF IT WAS NECESSARY AGAIN

I'D DO IT AGAIN



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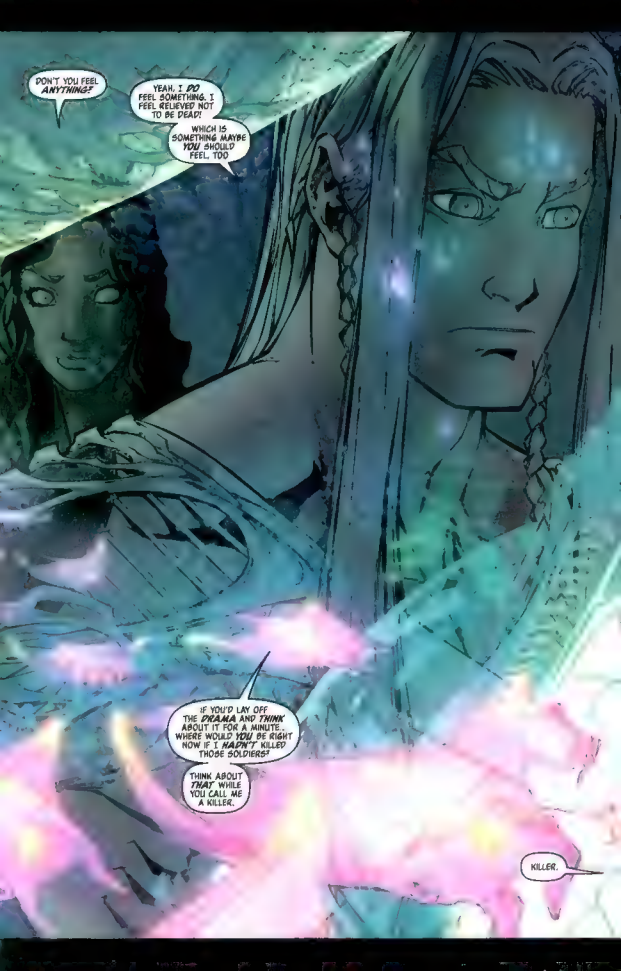


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ANYTHING?

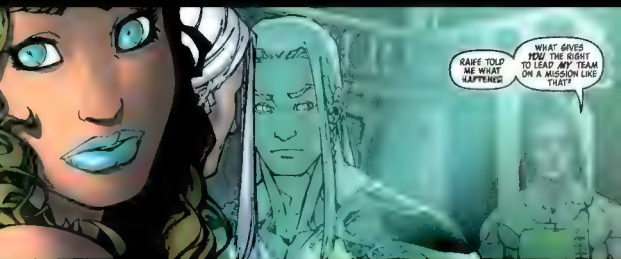
YEAH, I *DO*
FEEL SOMETHING. I
FEEL RELIEVED NOT
TO BE DEAD!

WHICH IS
SOMETHING MAYBE
YOU SHOULD
FEEL, TOO

IF YOU'D LAY OFF
THE *DRAMA* AND *THINK*
ABOUT IT FOR A MINUTE...
WHERE WOULD *YOU* BE RIGHT
NOW IF I *HADN'T* KILLED
THOSE SOLDIERS?

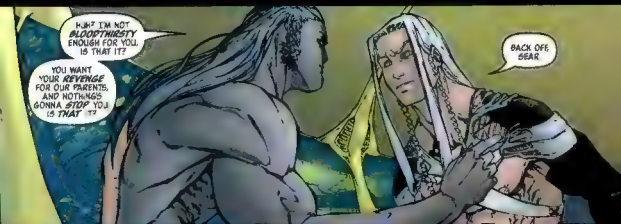
THINK ABOUT
THAT WHILE
YOU CALL ME
A KILLER.

KILLER.



RAIFE TOLD
ME WHAT
HAPPENED

WHAT GIVES
YOU THE RIGHT
TO LEAD *ANY* TEAM
ON A MISSION LIKE
THAT?



HUH? I'M NOT
BLOODTHIRSTY
ENOUGH FOR YOU.
IS THAT IT?

YOU WANT
YOUR REVENGE
FOR OUR PARENTS,
AND NOTHING'S
GONNA STOP YOU
IS THAT?

BACK OFF
SEAR



YOU WEREN'T
THERE. YOU DON'T
KNOW. I DIDN'T SET
OUT TO WASTE
ANY --



YEAH, BUT YOU
DID! YOU DID WASTE
A BUNCH OF HUMANS. YOU
HAD TO, BECAUSE THE
MISSION YOU DESIGNED
PRACTICALLY GUARANTEED
A SHOWDOWN.

AND NOW
YOU WANT TO
PRETEND IT WAS
KILL OR BE
KILLER.



GIVE ME A
BREAK, LITTLE
BROTHER. YOU
MIGHT FOOL THE
DIMMIES WHO
FOLLOWED YOU TO
HAWAII, BUT I
KNOW BETTER.

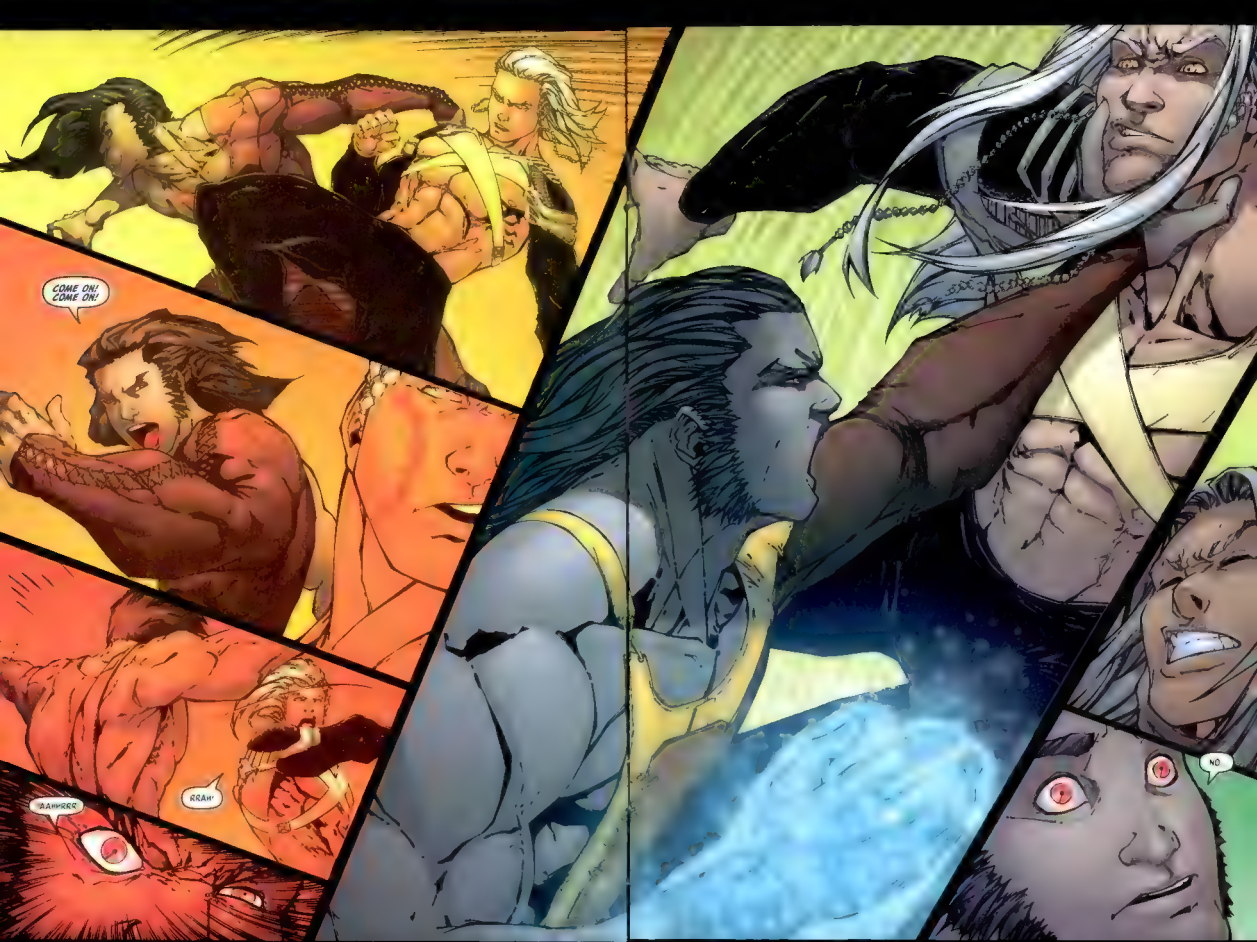


WHAT DO
YOU KNOW ABOUT
LEADERSHIP?

THE DISSIDENTS
FOLLOW *ME* BECAUSE I
LEAD THEM WITH *ACTIONS*
WHICH IS SOMETHING YOU'RE
TOO *WEAK* TO DO

AND YOU'VE
LOST THEM, SEAR
THEY AREN'T YOUR
TEAM ANYMORE
THEY'RE *MINE*

WE'LL SEE
ABOUT THAT



COME ON!
COME ON!

RAAAH

RAAAH

NO



"DON'T KILL."

THE DISSIDENTS
COULD'VE BEEN
SOMETHING POSITIVE
BUT YOU'VE
CORRUPTED THAT

YOU WANT
A BAND OF
KILLERS YOU CAN
AIM AT A BUNCH
OF ANIMALS



I DON'T
WANT ANY
PART OF
THAT



YEAH?
GOOD!

CALISE I'VE HAD ENOUGH
OF YOUR LECTURES
AND YOUR SUPERIOR
ATTITUDE.

AND IF YOU
INTERFERE
WITH THE
DISSIDENTS,
I'LL KILL YOU.

KILLIAN!
THAT'S
ENOUGH!



DO YOU
HEAR YOURSELF?
DO YOU?

HE'S ALWAYS
LOOKED OUT FOR YOU,
AND NOW YOU'RE
FORSAKING HIM FOR
SOME STUPID CAUSE
YOU DON'T EVEN
UNDERSTAND.



WHY?
CAN YOU EVEN
ANSWER THAT?



I'M NOT
CHOOSING THIS
PATH, ANYA. IT'S
CHOOSING ME



THAT IS
SUCH CRAP,
KILLIAN.

LEAVE ME
ALONE WHILE
I PACK MY
THINGS



SO WE'RE CLEAR ON THE
DETAILS. THE TEAM IS READY
AND YOU'RE COMFORTABLE
WITH THE SHARD-MANIPULATING
CONCEPT.

I DON'T KNOW ABOUT
COMFORTABLE, BUT I KNOW
WE CAN PULL THIS OFF. THE
TEAM IS READY. WE'LL DO
THIS.

WOOR THINKS A
LOT BETTER ON YOUR
SIDE.

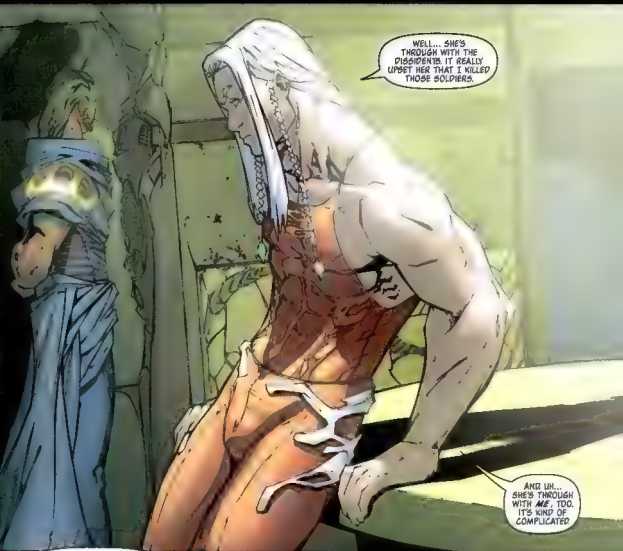
INTELLIGENCE
REPORTS HAVE MADE THE
COUNCIL EGGY. LOOKING FOR
SOLUTIONS IF YOU SUCCEED I'LL
BE ABLE TO *GIVE* THEM
SOLUTIONS --

-- WHICH WILL
LIKELY MOVE ME
TO THE HEAD OF
THE COUNCIL.

AND I
WON'T FORGET
WHO HELPED ME
GET THERE

THANK
YOU.

AND WHAT OF
MY DAUGHTER?
HOW IS SHE?



WELL... SHE'S
THROUGH WITH THE
DISSIDENTS. IT REALLY
UPSET HER THAT I KILLED
THOSE SOLDIERS.

AND UH...
SHE'S THROUGH
WITH *ME*, TOO.
IT'S KIND OF
COMPLICATED.



COMPLICATED? YOU *DO*
HAVE A LOT TO LEARN. IT'S
NEVER COMPLICATED.

THE THING TO KNOW
ABOUT WOMEN IS THAT
THEY'RE *EASY* TO
CONTROL. JUST TELL
THEM WHAT THEY
WANT TO HEAR.



AND
LEAVE OUT
WHAT THEY
DON'T.

I'LL TALK TO
ANYA. I CAN
CONVINCE HER YOU
DIDN'T MEAN...
WHATEVER YOU
SAID TO HER.



MAYBE.





WE HAD TO DO SOMETHING.

HUMANS HAD JUST DESTROYED ONE OF OUR CITIES, AND WE AS A SOCIETY WEREN'T GONNA DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT?



I MEAN COME ON



THE PROBLEM WAS, THE DISSIDENTS DIDN'T KNOW WHAT WE WANTED. WE DIDN'T KNOW WHO WE WERE, OR WHO WE WANTED TO BE.

WERE WE A STRIKE FORCE, OR AN INTELLECTUAL FORCE? SHOULD WE USE WEAPONS, OR PSYCHOLOGY? SEEK REVENGE, OR ENLIGHTENMENT?

KILLIAN MADE THOSE CHOICES WITHOUT ME. THE ~~DISSENT~~ REALLY ARE HIS NOW.



WHAT'S DANGEROUS IS THAT HE DOESN'T CARE ABOUT THE BIG CONSEQUENCE. IF THE HUMANS FIND OUT WE'RE HERE, THERE'S NO UNDOING THAT.

AND IF THEY FIND OUT BECAUSE WE'RE ATTACKING THEM.

WELL, IT WOULDN'T BE GOOD.



SO, YEAH, I'D SAY I NOW AGREE WITH NON-INTERVENTION

THEN LET'S GO MEET THE COUNCILWOMAN



THE COUNCIL HAS KNOWN ABOUT THE DISSIDENTS FOR SOME TIME.

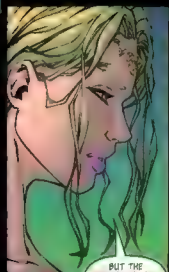
BUT YOUR RAID ON THE AMERICAN BASE HAS FORCED US TO TAKE ACTION.

I UNDERSTAND THE RAID WAS YOUR BROTHER'S DOING?

YES, MA AM

IT WAS A STUPID THING TO DO.

THAT MIGHT SURPRISE YOU, BUT YOU AND YOUR BROTHER AREN'T THE FIRST TO TANGLE WITH HUMANS. EVERY GENERATION, YOUNG MEN FULL OF CONFIDENCE AND EMPTY OF WISDOM TRY IT



BUT THE DISSIDENTS ARE THE FIRST IN ANYONE'S MEMORY TO HAVE KILLED HUMANS

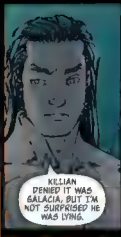


AND BECAUSE OF THAT, WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO COME DOWN HARD ON THEM...



AND ON THE COUNCILMAN FROM GALACIA, WHO'S BEEN FINANCING THEM

I WOULDN'T HAVE SUSPECTED IT WAS HIM IF I HADN'T SEEN HIM WITH YOUR BROTHER, RIGHT OUT THIS WINDOW



KILLIAN
DENIED IT WAS
GALACIA, BUT I'M
NOT SURPRISED HE
WAS LYING.



YOUR BROTHER'S
GOT TO BE STOPPED
SEAR, BEFORE HE DOES
SOMETHING THAT CAN'T
BE UNDONE

WILL YOU
HELP US?



YES.

GOOD

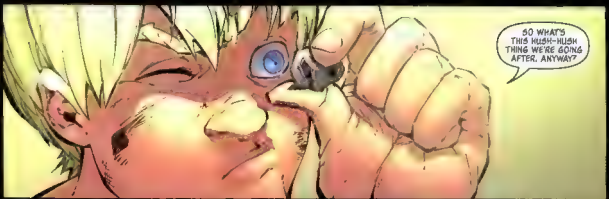
BECAUSE
GALACIA'S BACKING
THEM, WE'RE CERTAIN
A MORE *SINISTER*
PURPOSE LIES BEHIND
THE DISSIDENTS'
ACTIONS

UNDER MY AUTHORITY
CANNON HAWKE HAS FORMED
A TEAM TO UNCOVER THAT
PURPOSE AND DISRUPT THE
DISSIDENTS' CANNON!

YOUR INSIDE
KNOWLEDGE WILL
BE VALUABLE, SEAR,
BUT EVEN MORE --

-- WE NEED
SOMEONE STILL
ON THE INSIDE. IS
THERE ANYONE WHO
MIGHT TURN?

THERE
MIGHT BE
SOMEONE
YEAH



SO WHAT'S
THIS HUSH-HUSH
THING WE'RE GOING
AFTER, ANYWAY?



YOU'LL KNOW
SOON ENOUGH
WHEN WE PULL IT
OFF WE'RE GONNA
BE FAMOUS.

REALLY? YOU
MEAN IT?

THAT'S COOL
CAUSE WHERE FAME
LEADS, MONEY AND
GIRLS FOLLOW, RIGHT?
AND YOU CAN'T HAVE
ENOUGH OF EITHER IF
YOU ASK ME



MONEY AND
GIRLS.

HEN.

ANYA.



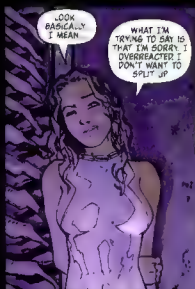
CAN WE
TALK FOR A
MINUTE?



IN THERE
MAYBE?

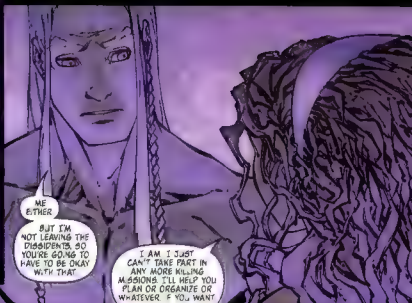


WHAT'S ON
YOUR MIND?



LOOK
BASICALLY
I MEAN

WHAT I'M
TRYING TO SAY IS
THAT I'M SORRY I
OVERREACTED. I
DON'T WANT TO
SPLIT UP



ME
EITHER

BUT I'M
NOT LEAVING THE
DISSIDENTS, SO
YOU'RE GOING TO
HAVE TO BE OKAY
WITH THAT

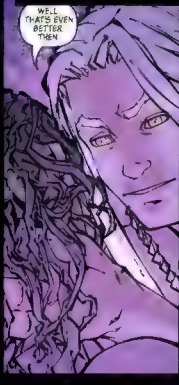
I AM. I JUST
CAN'T TAKE PART IN
ANY MORE KILLING
MISSIONS. I'LL HELP YOU
PLAN OR ORGANIZE OR
WHATEVER IF YOU WANT



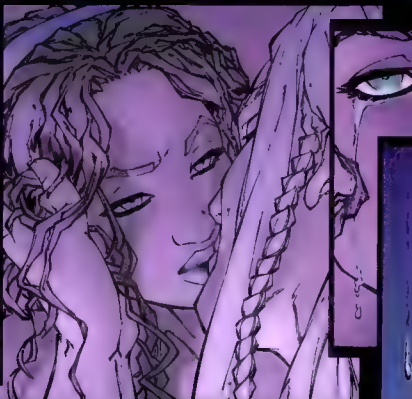
WOW I
GUESS YOUR
DAD REALLY
KNOWS HOW TO
TALK TO YOU



WHAT ARE YOU
TALKING ABOUT? I
DECIDED ON THIS ALL
BY MYSELF. SULLY



WELL
THAT'S EVEN
BETTER
THEN

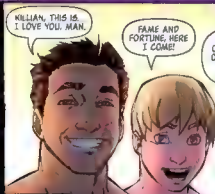




WELCOME



...TO THE BIG TIME.

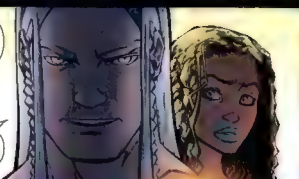


KILLIAN, THIS IS I LOVE YOU. MAN.

FAME AND FORTUNE, HERE I COME!

WE'VE PROVEN OURSELVES, AND OUR HARD WORK HAS BEEN REWARDED---

-- WITH TOOLS TO DO EVEN HARDER WORK



...MY DREAMS, I'M DREAMING ABOUT TODAY BECAUSE

...WE LEAVE BEHIND OUR...
...THE PLANET AT LARGE, A PLANET
...THAT BY RIGHTS BELONGS TO US.

TODAY WE RAZED THE ENEMY WHERE HE'S STRONG. AND WE WILL TAKE HIS STRENGTH AWAY FROM HIM.

MY FRIENDS, EARLIER I TOLD MOST OF YOU A SMALL LIE. WE ARE NOT, IN FACT, GOING ON A TRAINING MISSION. OUR TRAINING IS COMPLETE.

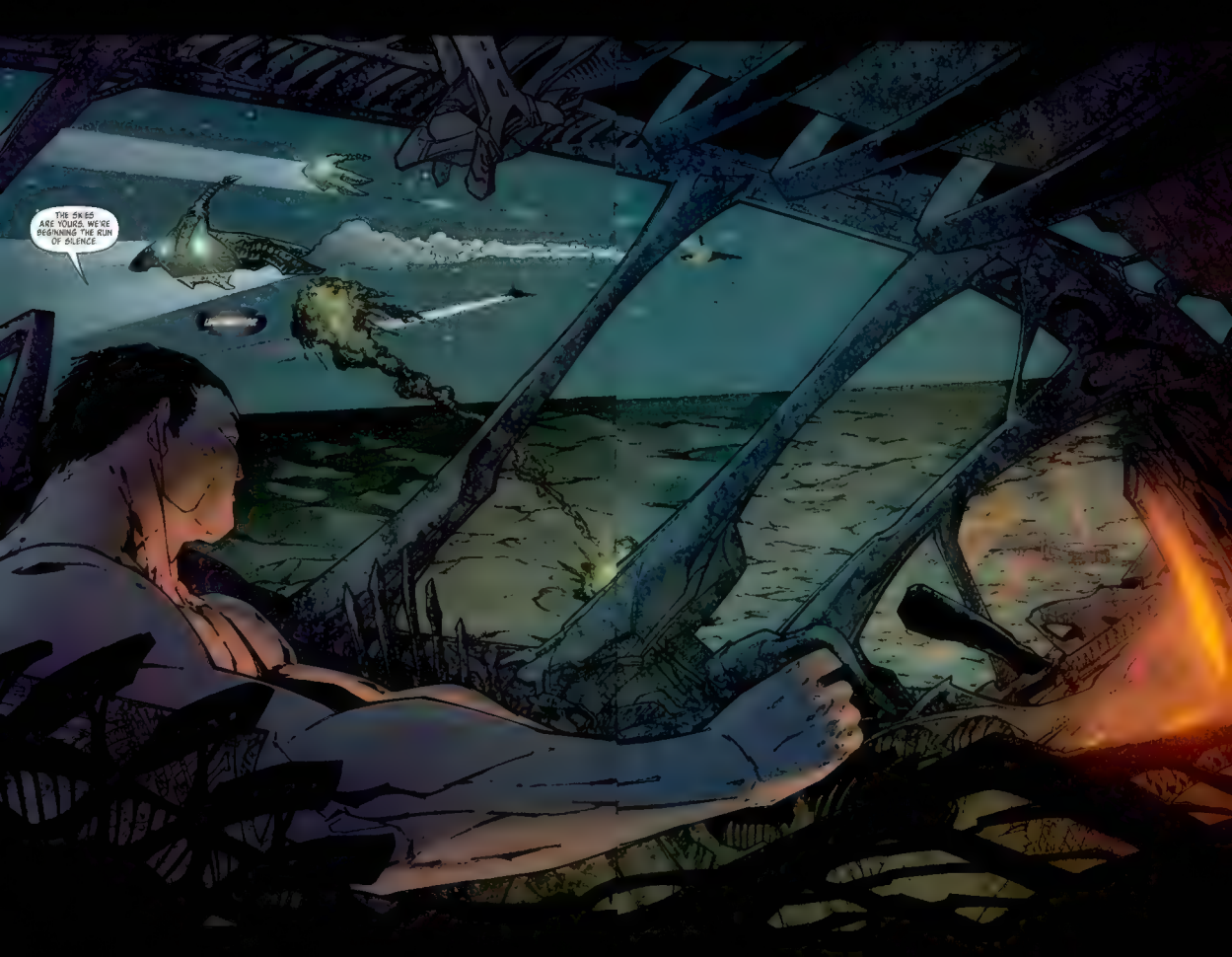
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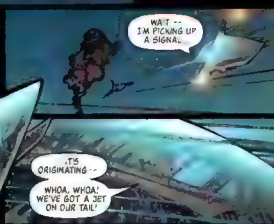
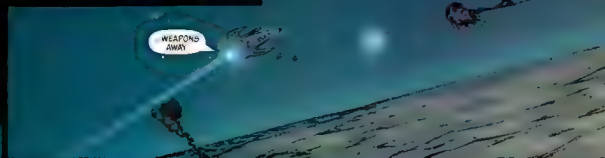
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THE DRAGON
AND YOU, WE'RE
BEGINNING THE RUN
OF SILENCE



THE AIRBORNE
THREAT HAS BEEN
NULLIFIED

YOU HIED KILL AN!
YOU TOLD ME THIS
WAS GOING TO BE A
PEACEFUL RAID!

I WASN'T
GOING TO BE
PART OF ANY
MORE KILLING
MISSIONS!

NO? NOW
ANYA

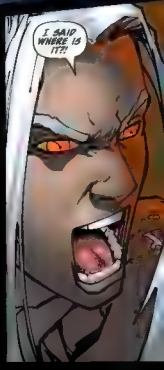
WHAT WAS
THAT ABOUT
A SIGNAL
TARAS?

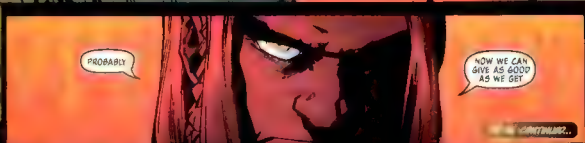
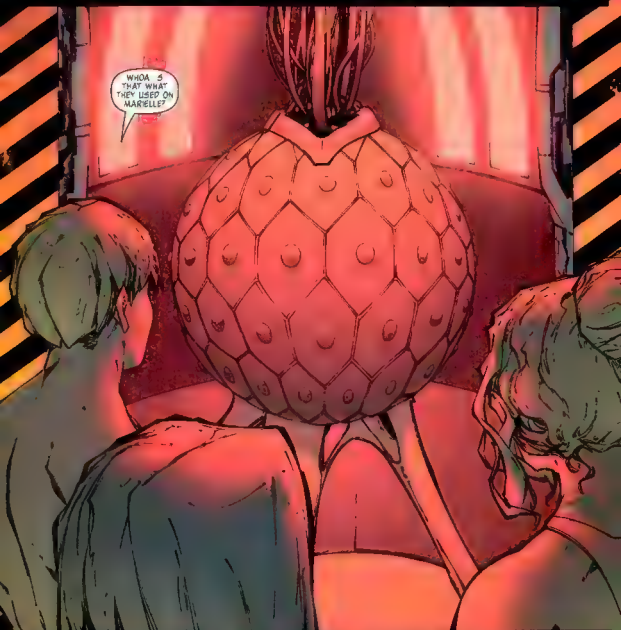
I'VE
JAMMED
IT!

BUT
THERE WAS
SOMETHING
UNAUTHORIZED
COMING FROM
THE SHIP

YOU CAN STAY
HERE IF YOU
WANT, ANYA

WHATEVER
YOU SAY





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KILIAN TO
GROUND SHIPS.
WE'RE COMING OUT
WITH THE CARGO.
OVER

GROUND
SHIPS. I REPEAT
WE'VE GOT THE
CARGO.

SOMETHING'S
WRONG.

THE COMM
EQUIPMENT
PROBABLY FAILED
IN THE STEY
HEAT.

NO.



...NO. I THINK
OUR PROBLEM'S A
LITTLE BIGGER
THAN THAT.





I... I CAN'T
FIGHT THEM,
KILLIAN.

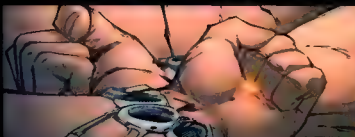
IT'S OKAY,
RAIFE. WE ALL
DO WHAT WE
MUST



YOU'RE OUT
OF CHOICES,
KILLIAN



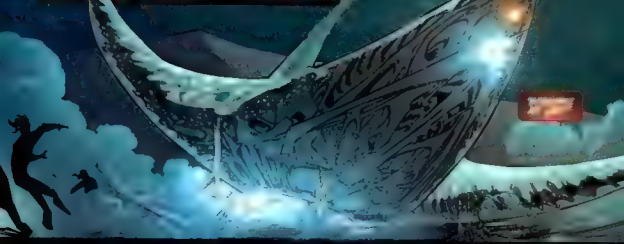
FOR THE GOOD
OF OUR SOCIETY,
WE'RE GONNA
TAKE YOU.



DEAD OR
ALIVE



WELL





GET THE REST
OF 'EM INTO THE
TRANSPORT



ALL RIGHT,
COME FORWARD
ONE AT A TIME
Y'LL. WITH THE
HAIRCUT, YOU
FIRST!



HAIRCUT?
MO?



ANYA



YOU SO, D
IS OUT?



KEEP
MOVIN

HOW COULD
YOU DO THIS? HE
LOVES YOU.

YOUR SHINING HAIR
HELP IN THE DARK!
REALLY? I'VE HEARD
SOMETHING LIKE THAT
BEFORE.

THE DARK
WASN'T MY FRIEND.
PURE LIE DETECTOR.

TURN YOUR
BACKS TO THE
DARKNESS AND
DON'T LOOK BACK
FOR THE LINE.

IN PLACING
YOUR HANDS YOU
FORGOT YOUR
WHOLE HANDS DON'T
MOVE. NO. IT
PUSHES THEM BY
PUSHING THEM
IN.

THEY'RE
THEY'RE
THEY'RE
THEY'RE
THEY'RE

TRANSPORT
TO LEADING THE
TOWNSHIP AND
WATER LINE.

THEY'RE
THEY'RE
THEY'RE
THEY'RE
THEY'RE

YOU AND
YOUR FRIEND
CANNOT...

...AND I'VE
MADE MY
CHOICE.

OPEN
FIRE.



WE'VE FOUND
THE
SUBMERGEE.

I'VE GOT HIM
ACROSS THE
LOCATOR.



WHA! WHAT?
HE CAN'T FIND
ANOTHER...?



THE MORE
THE BURNING
THE MORE



TABBY'S
WROTEME ALL
OVER THE SURFACE.
I'D SAY HIS SHIP
PUNYBATED!

LET'S
TRACK HIM
DOWN

THE TRAIL OF
DIVINES LEADS INTO
DEPTH... I THINK THE
IMPACT RUINED HIS
SHIP COMPLETELY
ANYWAY.

HIS
NAME TO
NO MORE...

THINK THE
COCKPIT INSIDE. IT
LOOKS TO BE MOSTLY
INTACT...

THIS AIN'T
GONNA BE
PRETTY...

I CAN'T SEE 2
THE SHIP'S
DOWN...

I'LL
COMB YOU
WITH A
LOOK

IT'S EMPTY
THINKS NO BODY
WAS IN THE
COCKPIT'S EMPTY.

KILLING
BOMB

THANK
YOU.

HE'S GONE TO
WATER. HE'S TOO
GOOD WE'LL NEVER
FIND HIM DOWN
THERE...

...WILL HAVE
TO WAIT TILL
THE MORNING

THE
MORNING

MY FATHERS WERE
KILLED BY SOLDIERS
RIGHT OVER THERE...

...AND FOR WHAT? TO
PROTECT THE RABBIT? CAUSE
THE REMAINS WERE SCATTERED
HERE? WHY? MY FATHERS
HAD TO LIVE WHAT GOOD
FOR IT DO ANYONE?

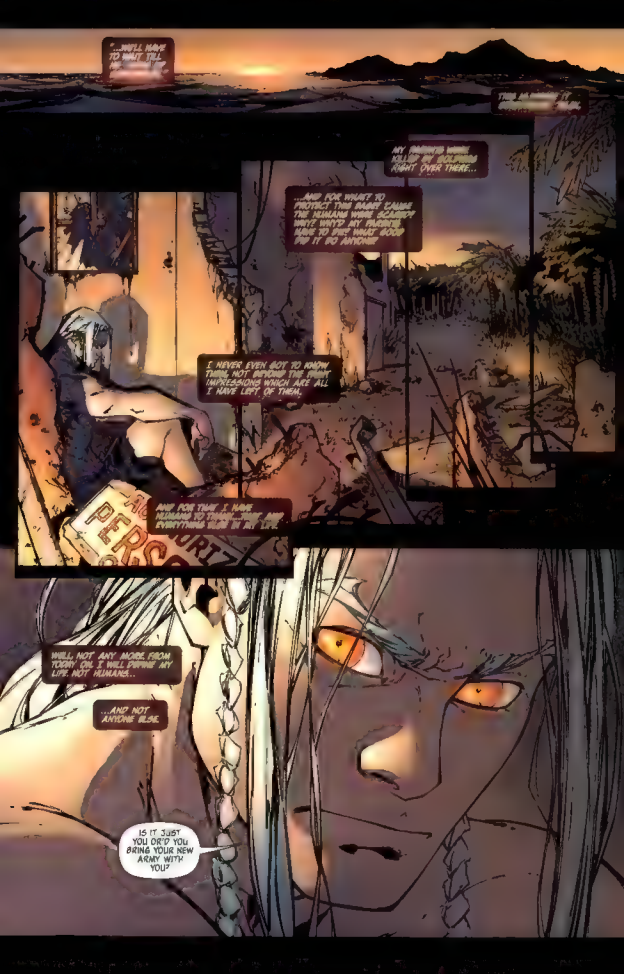
I NEVER EVEN GOT TO KNOW
THEY. NOT BEYOND THE FIRST
IMPRESSIONS WHICH ARE ALL
I HAVE LEFT OF THEM.

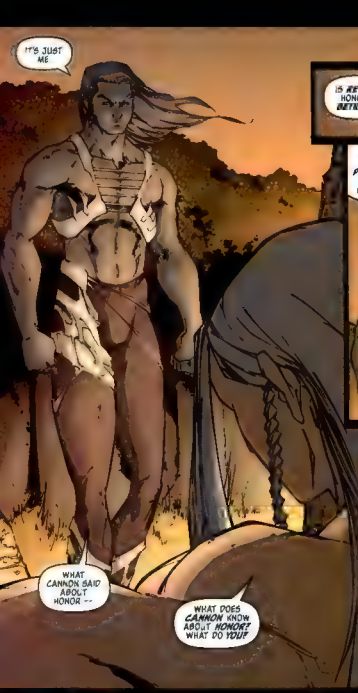
AND FOR THAT I HAVE
HUMANITY TO THINK OF... AND
EVERYTHING ELSE IN MY LIFE.

WILL, NOT ANY MORE FROM
TODAY ON. I WILL SPARE MY
LIFE. NOT HUMANS...

...AND NOT
ANYONE ELSE.

IS IT JUST
YOU OR'D YOU
BRING YOUR NEW
ARMY WITH
YOU?





IT'S JUST
ME



IS REVENGE
HONOR? IS
RETRIBUTION?

IS IT HONORABLE
TO STAND ON
PRINCIPLE UNTIL IT
CRUMBLES
UNDERNEATH YOU?

OR IS IT
HONORABLE TO
HOLD YOUR ENEMY
ACCOUNTABLE
FOR WHAT HE'S
DONE?



YOU WANT
ANSWERS, ASK A
PHILOSOPHER.



THE FACT
REMAINS, YOU
KNOW THE
DIFFERENCE
BETWEEN RIGHT
AND WRONG.

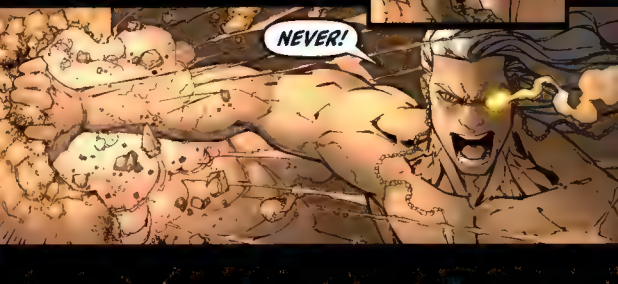
I DO, SEAR,
AND I KNOW
SOMETHING ELSE.
SOMETHING YOU'LL
NEVER KNOW



I KNOW
BEYOND ANY
DOUBT THAT I'VE
NEVER MISTAKEN
HONOR FOR
COWARDICE.

WHAT
CANNON SAID
ABOUT
HONOR --

WHAT DOES
CANNON KNOW
ABOUT HONOR?
WHAT DO YOU?



NEVER!



YOU
BETRAYED ME!
YOUR OWN
FAMILY!

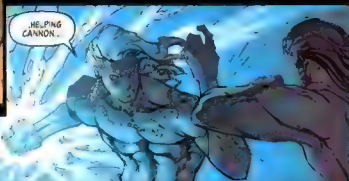
BECAUSE YOU
BETRAYED THE
PRINCIPLES FOR
WHICH WE'VE
ALWAYS STOOD.



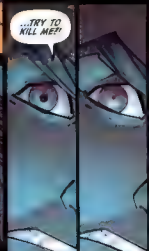
...AND
THAT.



...JUSTIFIES.



...HELPING
CANNON.



...TRY TO
KILL ME?



**YOU
HAD TO BE
STOPPED!**

YOU TALK
ABOUT FAMILY...I'M
YOUR BROTHER. AND
LOOK WHAT YOU'RE
WILLING TO DO TO
ME!



**I RAISED YOU,
AND TAUGHT YOU
AND GAVE YOU THE
BEST I HAD YOUR
WHOLE LIFE!**

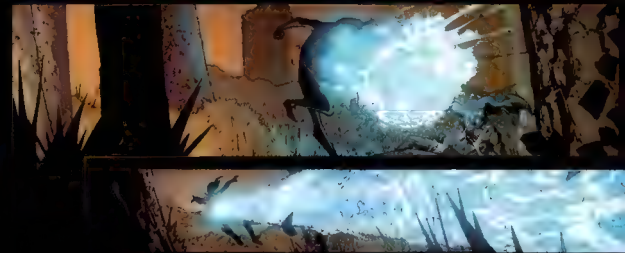
**YOU BETRAYED
ME WHEN YOU GOT
OUR OWN PEOPLE
KILLED! AND YOU
BETRAYED EVERYTHING
OUR PARENTS
STOOD FOR!**

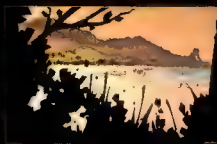
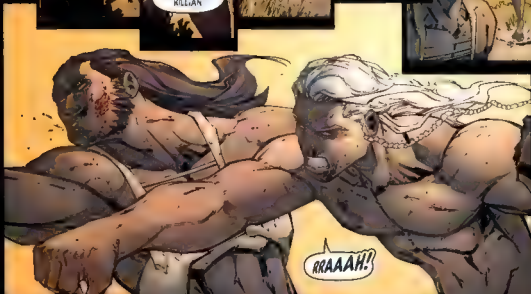


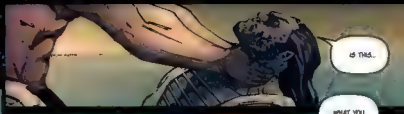
**SO TO
STOP
ME**



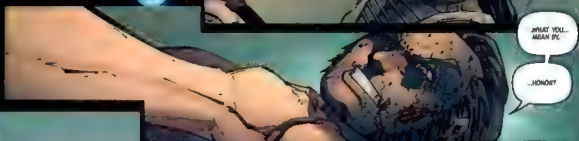
**YOU'RE
WILLING TO
KILL ME?!**





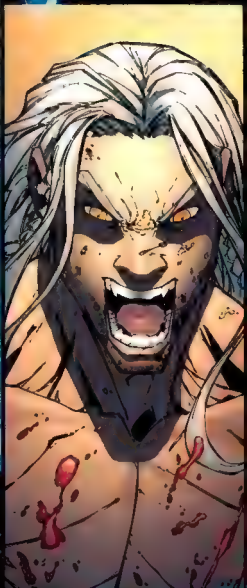
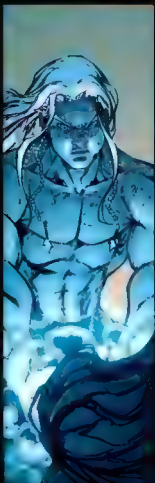


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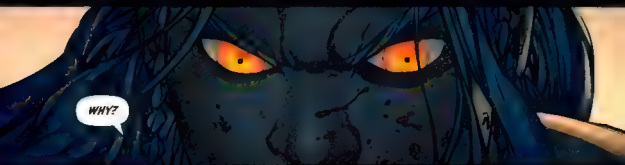
WHAT YOU...
MEAN BY...

...HONOR?





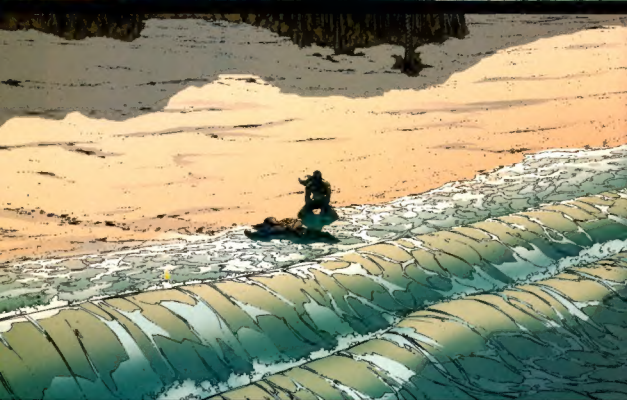
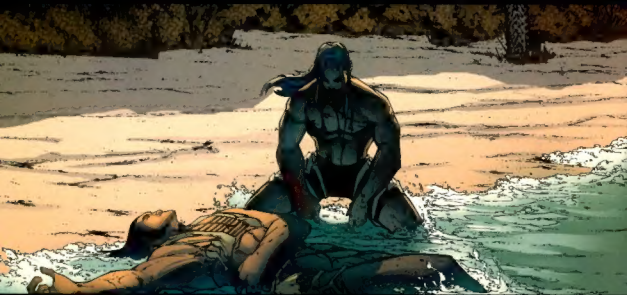
WHY
COULDN'T
YOU LET IT
GO?



WHY?



WHY
COULDN'T YOU
JUST...





I'M GOING
AWAY FOR A
LONG TIME,
ANYA.



THE HYPOCRITES
WHO LINE THE
COUNCIL HALLS ARE
GOING TO CRUCIFY ME,
EVEN THOUGH I DID
NOTHING WE DON'T
ALL DO.

BUT I'M THEIR
EXAMPLE TO THE
PEOPLE, AND THAT'S
HOW IT WILL PLAY
OUT.

YOU COULD
ESCAPE INTO
EXILE, I'D COVER
FOR YOU...

I KNOW YOU
WOULD, ANYA, BUT
THAT'S NOT A
SACRIFICE I'D HAVE
YOU MAKE.

IN FACT, I'VE
CALLED IN EVERY
AVAILABLE DEBT TO PUT
YOU IN THE CLEAR.
OFFICIALLY, YOU WERE
NEVER INVOLVED.

THE WHISPERS
WILL BE THAT YOU
WERE SEDUCED BY THE
CRIMINAL BEHIND THE
DISSENTS.



I REALIZE THIS
STAINS YOUR PURITY
AND MAY MAKE IT
DIFFICULT TO ATTRACT
THE RIGHT SORT OF
MATE...



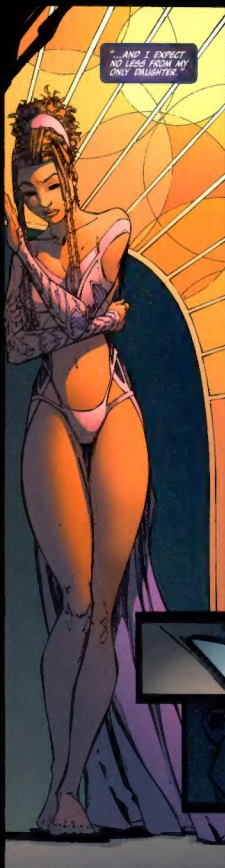
...BUT THE BEST
DECEPTIONS ARE BUILT
FROM TRUTH. IN TIME,
YOU'LL LEARN TO USE THE
RUMORS THAT ARISE TO
YOUR ADVANTAGE.



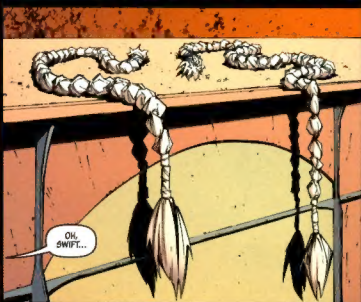
MEANWHILE,
SHOULD ANYONE IN
ANY OFFICIAL CAPACITY
EVER QUESTION YOU,
DENY DENY DENY.



YOU HAVE ALL
THE TOOLS YOU
NEED TO BECOME A
POWERFUL LEADER,
ANYA...



...AND I EXPECT
NO LESS FROM MY
ONLY DAUGHTER.



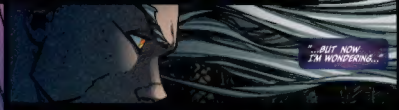
OH,
SWIFT...



...WHY ARE MY
EMOTIONS SO
MIXED? I WANT
TO BE STRONG. I
WANT TO BE
SURE LIKE I
WAS BEFORE.

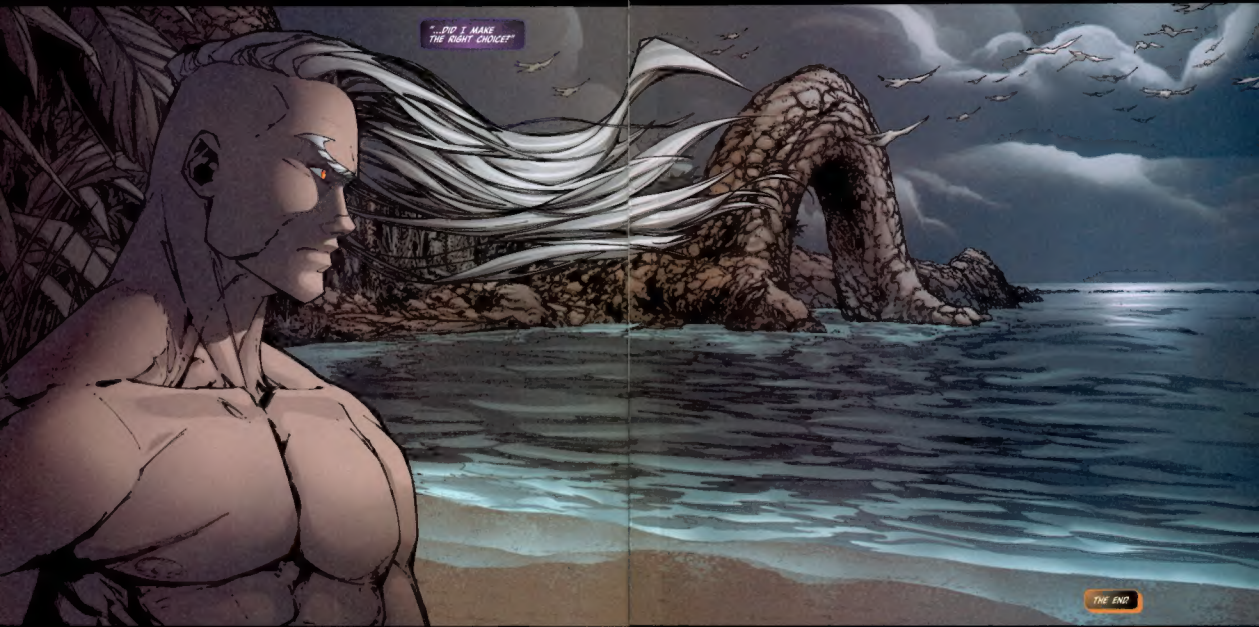


"I BETRAYED YOU..."



"...BUT NOW
I'M WONDERING..."





"...DID I MAKE
THE RIGHT CHOICE?"

THE END